

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Application No.: 10/775,252)	Examiner: Eric J. HUG
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Filed: February 11, 2004)	
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR)	Confirmation No.: 1102
DEGRADING A WEB IN THE MACHINE)	
DIRECTION WHILE PRESERVING CROSS-)	
MACHINE DIRECTION STRENGTH)	

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant appreciates the Office's Notice of Allowance dated July 6, 2007. In that paper, the Office stated that "the term 'substantial portion' is understood to be at least 50%." Page 2. In response, Applicant notes that the specification defines a "predominant number" as "at least 50% or more" and it defines "substantially all" as "at least more than 75%." Page 21, lines 2-5. Applicant also notes that the Office's understanding of the term "substantial portion" improperly excludes an embodiment discussed in the specification in which "at least about 25% of the cross-machine direction elements may be perforation elements." Page 21, lines 8-9. In light of that embodiment, and since the Office has acknowledged that "[n]one of the references teach perforate embossing" (Notice of Allowance at 3), Applicant respectfully submits that the term "substantial portion" should be properly interpreted at least to include "at

least about 25%.” Regardless of how that term is interpreted, however, the claims are still allowable for the reasons stated by the Office.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter these comments and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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